

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V

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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: Authorization for Additional Funding
for Remedial Design at the NL Industries/Taracorp Site
in Granite City, Illinois

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Regional Administrator

Purpose

This action memorandum requests authorization for additional funding for Remedial Design (RD) activities at the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in Granite City, Illinois (NL Site). This RD will be performed under an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Background

On July 4, 1990, U.S. EPA issued special notice letters to the 380 potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) at the NL Site. Under the letters, the deadline for the PRPs to provide U.S. EPA with a "good faith" offer to perform the RD and Remedial Action (RA) at the site under a Consent Decree with U.S. EPA was August 31, 1990. Although three separate offers were received on that date, none of the offers constituted a "good faith" offer. U.S. EPA then issued a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) to the top 49 PRPs on November 27, 1990. The UAO ordered the recipients to perform the RD/RA at the NL Site. On or before January 18, 1991, the PRPs provided U.S. EPA with notices of intent to comply/not comply with the Order. U.S. EPA has determined that the PRPs are not in compliance with the UAO and that U.S. EPA should perform the RD for the NL Site. The RD, which is now estimated to cost \$2,250,000, has received funding of \$1,450,000 under previous action memoranda signed on February 12, 1991 and May 22, 1991.

Estimated Cost and Schedule

This funding covers costs associated with activities outlined in the original Scope of Work. These activities provide for performance of the Remedial Design in its entirety. To accomplish this, we are requesting an additional \$800,000. Of this money, \$300,000 is for completion of pre-design soil sampling, and \$500,000 is for development of RD Plans and Specifications.



This will bring the total project funding up to \$2,250,000. This additional funding is being provided by the FY'92 2nd Quarter Superfund Comprehensive Accomplishments Plan (SCAP).

<u>Time</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Previous Requests</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
21 months (REMEDIAL DESIGN)	\$2,250,000	\$1,450,000	\$800,000

The funds provided are necessary to complete the pre-remedial design activities specified in the Scope of Work. The Remedial Project Manager has reviewed the estimated costs and considers them reasonable for the work to be performed. This action also extends the project and budget periods through June 30, 1993. The original project and budget periods expired June 30, 1992.

Recommendation

This request has been coordinated with the appropriate offices in the Region. I recommend that the funds be authorized for the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in Granite City, Illinois.

Attachments

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